



Winter 2020–2021 Theme:
The Call of God in the New Testament
Unit II: Jesus and Calls in His Ministry

Lesson Titles:

Healing for the Whole Person

(Faith Pathway Bible Studies)

Called to Heal

(Townsend Press Sunday School
Commentary)

LESSON 7— January 17, 2021

Devotional Reading:

Psalms 103:1-14

Background Scriptures:

Mark 2:1-12

Print Passages:

Mark 2:1-12

Key Verse(s):

Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? (Mark 2:9, KJV)

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“Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk?’” (Mark 2:9, NIV)

► Questions to Consider:

1. What actions did the men take to get their friend who was paralyzed to **Jesus**?
2. How did Jesus respond to the **faith** that was demonstrated by the friends of the paralyzed man?

► Lesson Aims:

As a result of experiencing this lesson, the participants should be able to do these things:

- Study Mark’s account of Jesus’ healing the man who was paralyzed.
- Appreciate how one’s physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs are intertwined.
- Pray for God’s healing grace to touch you at your particular point of need.

► Lesson Context:

- Jesus was popular among the people and drew large crowds. He was healing the sick and casting out demons.
- This week’s lesson features Jesus’ ministering in a private home where many gathered to hear Him preach.
- Jesus heals a man, who could not walk, forgives him and makes him whole and complete in every way.

► Lesson Outlines/Key Points:

- I. A **Desperate** Plea (Mark 2:1-4)
Key Point 1: The news of Jesus’ healings circulated throughout Capernaum.

Key Point 2: Four men brought a paralyzed man to Jesus. They were desperate to get him to Jesus in spite of the size of the crowd.

II. A **Discerning** Plea (Mark 2:5-8)

Key Point 1: Jesus was moved by the faith, determination, and persistence of the paralyzed man's friends.

Key Point 2: The Jewish leaders accused Jesus' words of forgiveness to be blasphemy in their minds.

III. A **Divine** Plea (Mark 2:9-12)

Key Point 1: Jesus demonstrated before the people that He was more than a healer. He was more than a great teacher. He was more than they expected or imagined Him to be. He was the Son of God.

Key Point 2: Jesus not only forgives the paralyzed man's sin but also heals him physically.

► **Lesson Summary:**

- Jesus came to give full and complete healing to man both spiritually and physically.
- It is important for us to assist those who need God's touch by doing what we can to help guide them to Jesus.

What Do You Think?

(These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)

1. How far have you ever gone to help a friend in crisis?
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2. When you are present for worship at church, what is on your mind? How can you focus your thoughts strictly on worship and the Word?

3. Can you recall and share with the class a personal experience of healing—mental, social, emotional, physical, or spiritual? Testify so that others can praise God for what He has done for you.

As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:
